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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Before examination of the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows:

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 - the pair of band-pass filter input terminals being commonly connected to the respective pairs of input terminals of the pair of SAW filters;

the plurality of pairs of band-pass filter output terminals being connected to the respective pairs of output terminals of the pair of SAW filters; and

an inductance element located between at least one of the SAW filters located at the first stage and the pair of band-pass filter input terminals and directly connected between the respective pair of input terminals of the at least one of the SAW filters and thereby in parallel to said at least one of the SAW filters.

[2. A SAW filter comprising:

a plurality of first SAW resonators, each having a pair of terminals and a predetermined resonance frequency (f_{rp}), said first SAW resonators being connected in respective, parallel arms of the SAW filter;

a plurality of second SAW resonators, each having a pair of terminals and a predetermined resonance frequency (f_{rs}) approximately equal to an antiresonance frequency (f_{ap}) of each of the first SAW resonators, said

second SAW resonators being provided in series arms of the SAW filter; and inductance elements respectively connected in series with the first SAW resonators in the parallel arms and formed of wires.]

[3. The SAW filter as claimed in claim 2, further comprising:

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[4. A band-pass filter having a predetermined pass-band characteristic and comprising:

a plurality of SAW resonators connected in a ladder formation, said plurality of resonators being connected in respective serial arms and parallel arms; and bonding inductance elements, said parallel arms of said ladder formation being connected to ground via respective said bonding inductance elements.]

[5. The band-pass filter as claimed in claim 4, wherein said bonding inductance elements comprise wires.]

6. (ONCE AMENDED) A band-pass filter having a pair of band-pass filter input terminals and plural pairs of band-pass filter output terminals, comprising:

[a pair of SAW filters having respective, different pass bands and each SAW filter having a pair of SAW filter input terminals and a pair of SAW filter output terminals and comprising a plurality of one-port SAW resonators connected in a ladder structure between the input and output terminals and including at least a first stage having a series-arm SAW resonator connected to one of the pair of input terminals;]

a pair of SAW filters having respective pass bands and comprising a plurality of one-port SAW resonators connected in a multiple ladder structure, each having at least a first stage located at a side of the pair of band-pass filter input terminals and a series-arm resonator located at the first stage, a pair of input terminals and a pair of output terminals;

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the plurality of pairs of band-pass filter output terminals being connected to the respective pairs of output terminals of the pair of SAW filters.

[7. A band-pass filter having a predetermined pass-band characteristic and comprising:
a plurality of SAW resonators connected in a ladder configuration of respective serial arms and parallel arms, said plurality of SAW resonators being connected in respective said serial arms and parallel arms; and
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a second SAW resonator having a pair of terminals and a predetermined resonance frequency (frs) approximately equal to a predetermined antiresonance frequency of the first

SAW resonator (fap), said second SAW resonator being provided in a series arm of the SAW filter; and

an inductance element connected in series with the first SAW resonator in the parallel arm, the inductance element functioning to increase the admittance of the parallel arm and decrease the resonance frequency, wherein

the first SAW resonator comprises an exciting interdigital electrode and first and second reflectors, each of which comprises either aluminum or an aluminum alloy containing a few weight percentage of metal, other than aluminum; and

the respective film thicknesses of the exciting interdigital electrode and the first and second reflectors are in a range of from 0.06 to 0.09 times the period of the exciting interdigital electrode.

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24. (NEW) A SAW filter comprising:

a plurality of first SAW resonators on a single piezoelectric substrate, each having a pair of terminals and a predetermined resonance frequency (frp), said first SAW resonators being connected in respective, parallel arms of the SAW filter;

a plurality of second SAW resonators on the piezoelectric substrate, each having a pair of terminals and a predetermined resonance frequency (frs) approximately equal to the predetermined antiresonance frequency of the first SAW resonator (fap), said second SAW resonators being provided in a series arm of the SAW filter; and

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a first SAW filter having a pass band, having a band center frequency and comprising a plurality of one-port SAW resonators connected in a multiple ladder structure, having at least a first stage located at a side of the pair of band-pass filter input terminals and a series-arm resonator located at the first stage, a pair of input terminals and a pair of output terminals;

a second SAW filter having different pass band from the pass band of the first SAW filter, having a band center frequency which is larger than the band center frequency of the first SAW filter and comprising a plurality of one-port SAW resonators connected in a multiple ladder structure, having at least a first stage located at a side of the pair of band-pass filter input terminals and a series-arm resonator located at the first stage, a pair of input terminals and a pair of output terminals;

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an impedance matching circuit located between the first stage of the second SAW filter and the pair of input terminals of the second SAW filter and thereby directly connected between the respective pair of input terminals of the second SAW filter and in parallel to the second SAW filter.

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REMARKS

This Preliminary Amendment is submitted to improve the form of the application as originally-filed, and to add new claims 22-33. Claims 1, 6 and 22-33 are now pending.

Also filed concurrently herewith are an Information Disclosure Statement and a Letter to the Examiner Requesting Approval of Changes to the Drawings. The same drawing changes were filed and approved in the parent application.


It is respectfully requested that this Preliminary Amendment be entered in the above-referenced application.

If any further fees are required in connection with the filing of this Preliminary Amendment, please charge same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

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FIG. 53

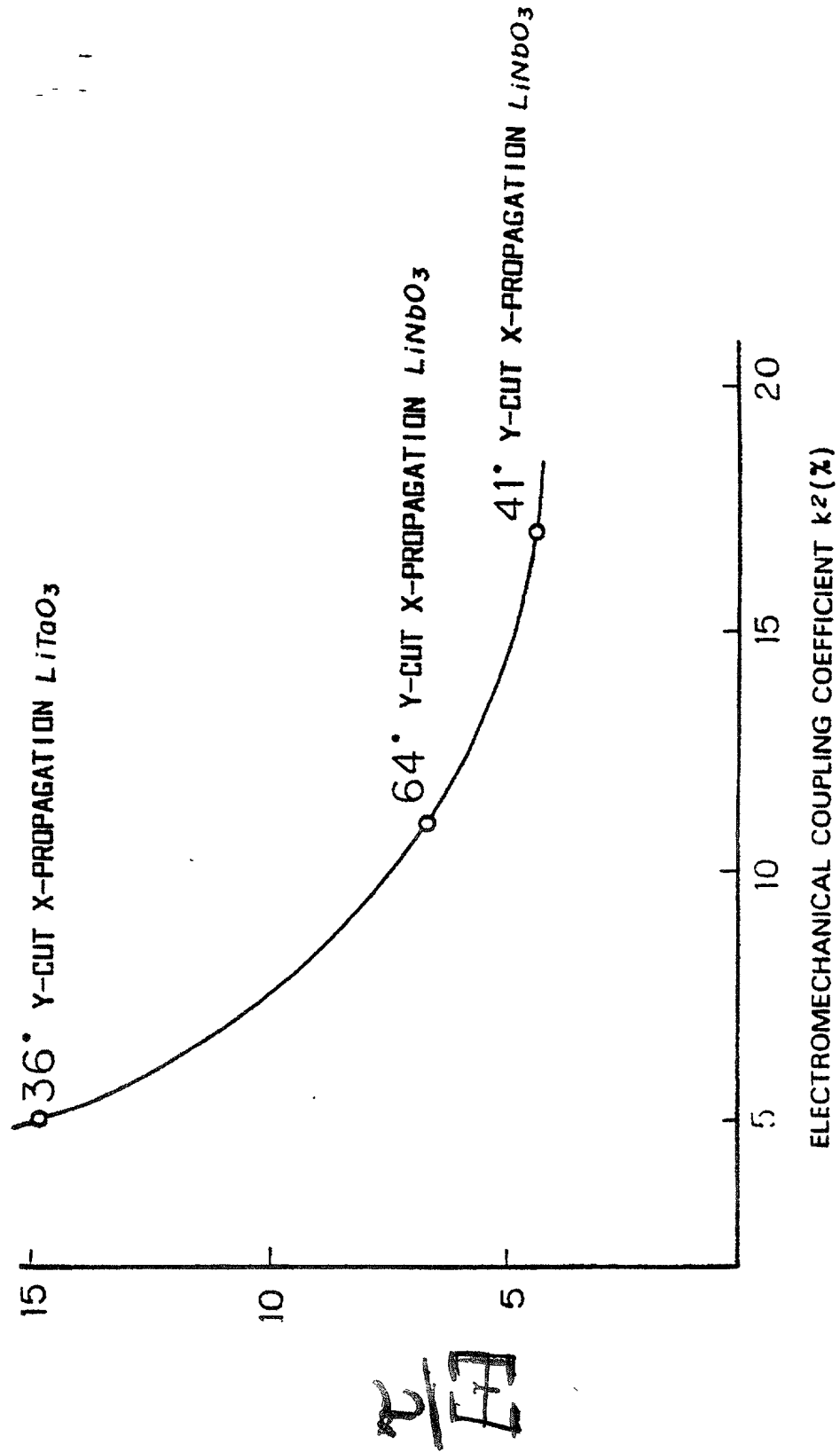


FIG. 56

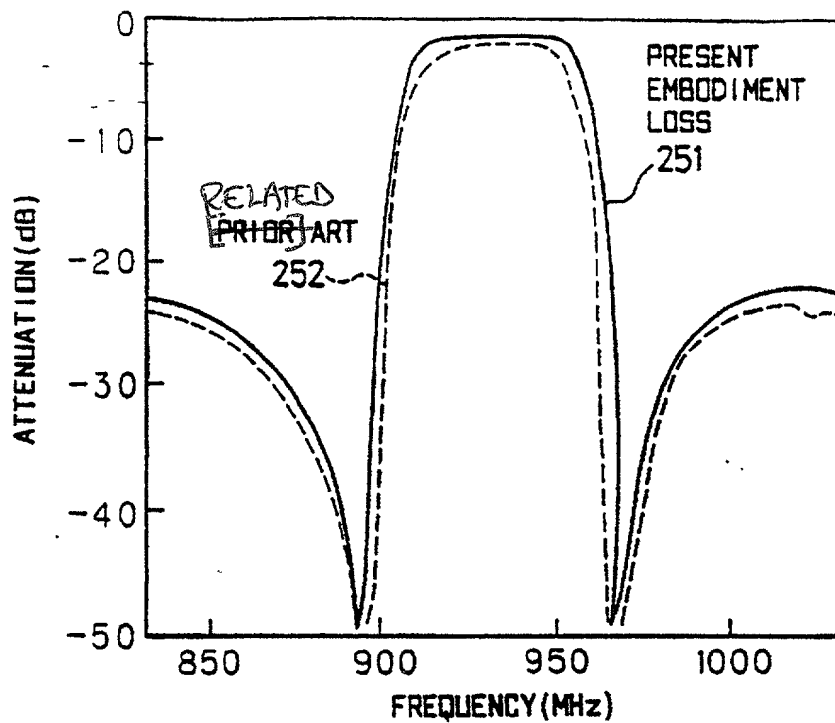
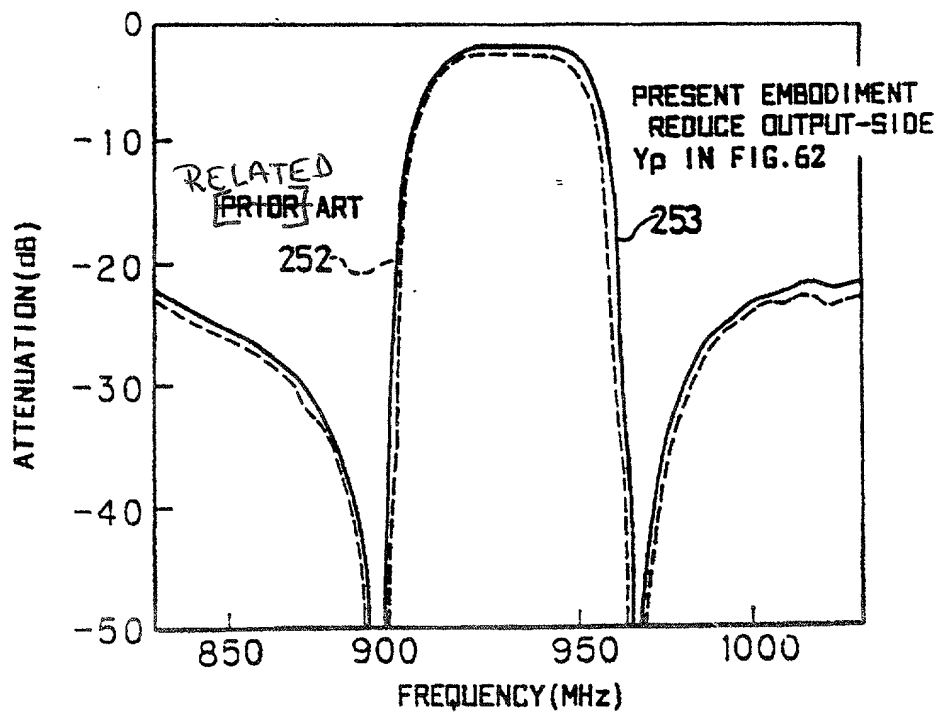


FIG. 57



RELATED
FIG. 64 [PRIOR] ART

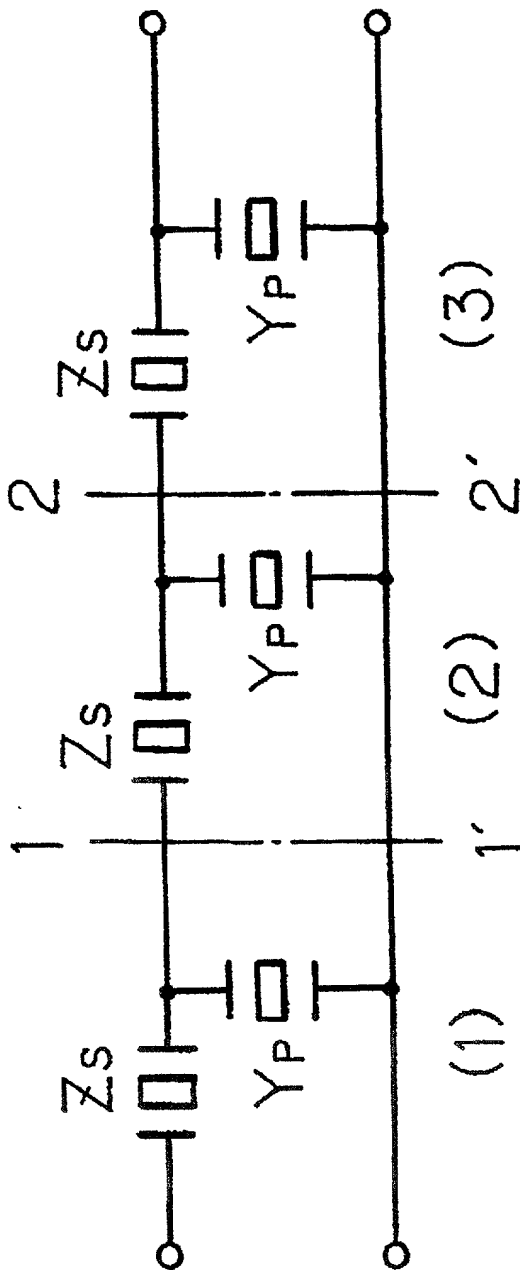


FIG. 1 PRIOR ART